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EDUCATION COMMISSIONER RECOGNIZES TEACHERS, CALLS ON KENTUCKIANS TO SHARE EDUCATOR STORIES

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Kentucky Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt today called on all Kentuckians to join him in recognizing and celebrating teachers who have impacted their lives as part of national Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6.

“Teachers play such an important role in a child’s life. They teach us to think and reason, they are our supporters and they are the people who push us to be better,” said Pruitt. “There are 40,000 teachers in this state who are making memories and influencing our children right now. These are the people for whom teaching is not just a profession, it’s a calling.”

National Teacher Appreciation Week recognizes and honors teachers across the country for their tireless efforts on behalf of students. Individual schools and districts plan events to recognize their teachers during this special week. At a ceremony at the White House today, President Barak Obama will honor the 2016 National Teacher of the Year and State Teachers of the Year, including Kentucky’s Teacher of the Year Ashley Lamb-Sinclair, an English teacher at North Oldham High School. The ceremony is likely to begin around 4:30 p.m. ET. The event will be streamed live online at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/live>.

Throughout the month of May, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is asking Kentucky residents to share their stories of the teachers who have influenced their lives and the lives of their children with the hashtag #thankaKYteacher. KDE will be sharing those tweets throughout May to recognize both Teacher Appreciation Week and Teacher Appreciation Month.

“I will never forget the teachers who made a mark on my life and helped guide me to the wonderful place I am now. As a former teacher myself, I can tell you receiving a quick note or thank you from a former student or parent is always a wonderful feeling,” Pruitt said. “Please join me in showing the teachers in your life some love and appreciation.”

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